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TITLE: ELECTROSTATIC MAINTAINING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the present application, and prior to an initial Official Action on this matter, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please note that the following amendments apply to the English translation of the application.

There was no annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report.

IN THE TITLE

On page 1, line 1, delete "holding" and insert therefor --Maintaining--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 6, delete "The invention presented here" insert

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention--.

On page 1, line 6, delete "holding" and insert therefor --maintaining--.

On page 1, line 9, delete "vacuum, for example." and insert therefor --vacuum--.